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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Alert to Immigration Problems of Former
Agent that Could Affect the Agency

1. Research in response to a routine name check request from Immigration and Naturalization has just revealed that a situation which arose last June 1974 may shortly become a problem. Last summer NOSTRIL (see attached biographic sketch) reported to his former case officer a press attack upon him by the New York Daily News as one of a group of former World War II war criminals still at large in the New York area; this attack was apparently inspired by Representative Elizabeth Holzman, who was quoted as accusing I&NS of laxity or worse. At that time NOSTRIL was told that the Agency could not assist him with his problems and that any attempt to bring the Agency into the matter would probably work to his net detriment. Although NOSTRIL continued to contact his former case officer at monthly intervals during the succeeding months, there was little more publicity concerning the case, which seemed to have been dropped.

2. However, on 21 March 1975 the Newark office of I&NS forwarded a routine inquiry requesting any derogatory information concerning NOSTRIL; a subsequent call to I&NS headquarters by the Aliens Affairs Branch revealed that I&NS was also interested in determining NOSTRIL's exact date of birth, since their records reflect two different dates. NE Division research in various non-Division Agency files on NOSTRIL, which have been recently located, indicates he confessed he had falsified his date of birth and other biographical information in his application to immigrate to the U.S. in 1955.

3. Because this entire matter may be surfaced in I&NS hearings and FOI Act requests could be made to the Agency, I thought it best to inform you now. This Division will continue to investigate the problem and coordinate its response to I&NS with all appropriate Agency elements.

Chief, Near East and
South Asia Division

1 Attachment:
Biographic Sketch

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